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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SPANISH DUTY ON COMPUTERS AND COMPONENTS

1. EMBASSY WAS APPROACHED LAST WEEK BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL U.S. FIRMS WHO EXPORT COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT TO SPAIN. THEY REPORTED THAT GOS HAS RECEIVED APPLICATION BY GOVERNMENT-OWNED (THROUGH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRY - INI) FIRM SECOINSA TO RAISE IMPORT DUTY ON "COMPUTERS AND COMPONENTS" FROM ZERO TO 16 PERCENT, WITH LIMITATION ON EACH UNIT OF \$300,000 PESETAS (APPROX \$3750).

2. IMPORTERS ATTENDED PRELIMINARY HEARING HELD BY WORKING COMMISSION OF CUSTOMS BOARD (JUNTA SUPERIOR ARANCELARIA) ON FRIDAY, JUNE 23. REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL U.S. FIRMS WERE JOINED BY OTHER IMPORTERS TO PROTEST THE SECOINSA INITIATIVE. THEIR FEAR IS THAT DUTIES WOULD GO BEYOND THOSE WHICH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO PROTECT A SMALL, LIMITED DOMESTIC INFANT INDUSTRY.
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5. SECOINSA NOW EMPLOYS APPROXIMATELY 200 PERSONS IN TWO SEPARATE PLANTS. THE FIRM HAS AN ASSEMBLY OPERATION WITH FUJITSU OF JAPAN. PLAN IS TO DO DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING UNDER FUJITSU LICENSE.

4. EMBASSY OFFICERS CALLED ON JOSE RAMON BUSTELO,

DIRECTOR GENERAL DE POLITICA ARANCELARIA E IMPORTACION,
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, ON JUNE 26, TO EXPRESS CONCERN FOR
U.S. FIRMS AFFECTED. BUSTELO HAD NOT HEARD OF THE
INITIATIVE IN DETAIL, BUT SAID ANY DUTY INCREASE WOULD BE
CLOSELY CONFINED TO THE PRODUCTS OF THE INFANT INDUSTRY
IN QUESTION. HE RECALLED THE EC DUTY ON COMPUTERS IS
GENERALLY AT 12 PERCENT; THUS SPANISH DUTY OF 16 PERCENT
WOULD BE IN THE SAME RANGE. HE INDICATED THAT THERE
WOULD BE NO FINAL ACTION FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND THAT
INTERESTED PARTIES WOULD HAVE AMPLE TIME AND OPPORTUNITY
TO MAKE THEIR FEELINGS KNOWN TO THE GOS. EATON

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